**THE HONOURABLE SHRI JUSTICE R.SUBHASH REDDY**

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**WRIT PETITION No. 3131 OF 2006**

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**Dated 23rd February, 2006.**

Between:

P.Bikshamaiah

… Petitioner

And

The Regional Manager, APSRTC,

Ranga Reddy Region, Ranga Reddy

District.

… Respondent.

**ORAL ORDER:**

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondent.

The petitioner was appointed as a driver in the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation and was allotted to the Ranga Reddy Region in the year

1995. Subsequently, he was terminated from service by order dated 3.4.1998 on the ground that the driving licence produced by him at the time of his appointment was not genuine. It is stated that, at that time, many such orders of termination were passed against several drivers working in the Corporation. Basing on the representation of the Unions and the individuals, Circular No. PD.43/2000, dated 11.8.2000 was issued to reconsider the case of such drivers for fresh appointment subject to production of genuine driving licences. As per clause 3.2 of the said circular, petitioner was addressed a letter on 31.8.2000 for production of genuine driving licence and he was directed to submit a xerox copy of such licence to consider his case. It is the case of the petitioner that though such a letter was addressed by the respondents on 31.8.2000 and the petitioner had complied with the condition by producing the Xerox copy of the driving licence, so far, the respondents have not considered the case of the petitioner and communicated any decision.

Whether the petitioner is entitled to be considered for fresh appointment in terms of the circular dated 11.8.2000 is a matter to be considered by respondents. No positive direction can be issued by this court. But, when it is stated that the petitioner has already submitted a Xerox copy as directed in the letter dated 31.8.2000, respondents ought to have informed the outcome of consideration as per the circular dated 11.8.2000. The petitioner also relied on an order passed by this Court in similar such circumstances in W.P.No.23928 of 2005.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, this writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner in terms of the circular dated 11.8.2000 and communicate the result thereof to the petitioner within a period of six weeks from the date of the receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

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2006. **(R.SUBHASH REDDY, J.)**

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